

THE RUTHERFORD *Report*

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Mt. Baldy Ski Lifts will celebrate its 60th anniversary this year.
Photo courtesy "Snowdog" Carter

Ring out the old, ring in
the new, Ring, happy
bells, across the snow: The
year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in
the true.

— Lord Tennyson

Humble Beginnings for Mt. Baldy Ski Lifts

In 1944, two die-hard skiers named Jim Chaffee and Herb Leffler started what would later become Mt. Baldy Ski Lifts Inc.

Like other local ski resorts, including Snow Valley and the now-closed location in Green Valley Lake, Mt. Baldy started as a rope tow. Jim and Herb used an old Hudson automobile engine to build a towing system that allowed skiers to access the formidable Movie slope, which is also known as Avalanche slope.

They added a few more tows over the years so skiers could access higher elevations where the snow was better, and, after a spectacular winter season in 1952, they found some investors who secured a permit from the U.S. Forest Service to build an actual ski lift on nearby Thunder Mountain.

Herb and Jim sold their rights to the ski tows to the newly formed Mt. Baldy Ski Lifts, and Herb stayed on as General Manager of the new resort while Jim went on to operate an auto repair shop out of his home.

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Getting a Kick Out of Reading



When Master Neil Beisel shows up at Grapeland Elementary School in his full martial arts uniform, students sit up and pay attention.

Master Beisel is one of many local professionals who participate in Grapeland's Reading Buddies program, promotes reading by having guests read books to students.

"I always try and pick the funny books with the best pictures," said Master Beisel, who owns and operates Leadership Martial Arts in Rancho Cucamonga.

He joined the Reading Buddies program several years ago after hearing about it from the Rancho Cucamonga Chamber of Commerce. Since then, he's also joined Reading Buddies programs at Dona Merced and Berlyn elementary schools.

Master Beisel said he hopes to inspire children through his participation in the reading program.

"My whole job, career, and business are centered on being somebody that kids aspire to be like," he said.

In addition to reading to students, Master Beisel usually teaches them a karate move or two before his time is up.

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During one recent session, students giggled as they try to emulate the smooth moves of their instructor. When a few students started copying a kid not following instructions, Master Beisel reminded the students, "You want to be a leader, and leaders lead. They don't follow."

After he started volunteering for the reading program at Grapeland Elementary, Master Beisel wanted to help more so he offered to host weekly karate classes and allow the school to keep the fees.

In addition to raising money for Grapeland Elementary, the classes also introduced students to the martial arts,

which help build confidence, self-esteem, and other leadership qualities.

Master Beisel also visits local schools to teach kids about bully prevention.

"We roll play with the kids and teach them how to diffuse situations nonviolently," he said.

If you are interested in participating in the Reading Buddies program to help young students develop a passion for reading, call Grapeland Elementary School at (909) 463-706.

County Spotlight: Ag/Weights and Measures

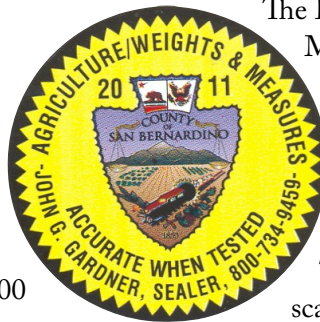
The San Bernardino County Department of Agriculture/Weights and Measures has many roles and responsibilities. One of them is to ensure that commercial scales are operating properly.

The scales checked by the Department range in size from small jewelry balances to huge railroad track scales capable of weighing 320,000 pounds.

Inspections protect both buyers and sellers by ensuring the weighing device is accurate.

Many products we buy daily are sold on the basis of weight.

Early units of weight were often based simply on the load an average man could carry. Now, standard units of measure are used worldwide.



The Department of Agriculture/Weights and Measures originated in 1915 in response to the nationwide crusade for accurate measures.

California's Weights and Measures Act of 1913 prompted the creation of the departments throughout the state.

The act established the testing of commercial scales and measuring devices to promote accurate measures. Today, the Agriculture/Weights and Measures conducts annual inspections on all scales used for commercial purposes within the County as well as meters such as gasoline pumps and water dispensers.

An official seal is placed on devices to let consumers know that the instruments passed official testing procedures and were accurate on the date of the test. Look f

or the seal the next time you buy something that has to be weighed.



Breakfast with your Supervisors

2nd District Supervisor Janice Rutherford

4th District Supervisor Gary Ovitt

Carnegie Library: 123 D St., Upland

January 31, 2012—8 am

\$11 per person

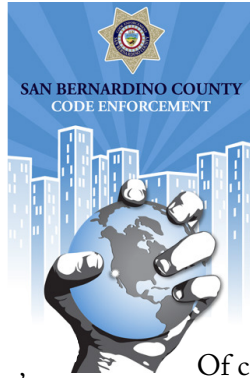
RSVP (or for more information): (909) 948-5037

App Makes Reporting Code Violations A Snap

Residents armed with smart phones can report graffiti, illegal vendors, overgrown weeds, and other code violations in unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County with a touch of the screen with a free application called SBcode.

The application, which works on iPhones and Android devices, allows users to send photos with GPS coordinates to Code Enforcement officers.

In order to provide location information, the phone's



GPS locator must be enabled.

The digital information provided by the application allows officers to pinpoint violations so they don't waste time searching.

The application has been downloaded more than 1,200 times, and it has been used to submit nearly 500 violations since the initial launch in the summer of 2010.

Of course, you can also report code violations the old-fashioned way by calling (800) 722-3181.

Lake Gregory Improvement Committee News

In December, members of the Lake Gregory Improvement Committee met with California Department of Fish and Game, Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board, and County Regional Parks officials regarding a long-term maintenance strategy for Lake Gregory.

Officials discussed using the drainage basin between the Crestline Library and the skate park to serve as a filter to prevent silt from accumulating near the swim beaches. The area was historically used to do this, but it became overgrown with vegetation because of a lack of maintenance.

Fish and Game considers the basin habitat for wildlife, which means the County cannot simply remove all of the plants to start re-using it as a filtration system for the lake. Fish and Game representatives said the agency might be

willing to allow the County to use the basin as a sediment collection area if another suitable area along the lake is designated as replacement habitat, one of several possible mitigation methodologies available for consideration. The group also discussed securing a basic maintenance permit that would allow the County to perform routine upkeep on a regular basis without wading through regulatory red tape.

Later this month, the Lake Gregory Improvement Committee will meet with an expert on fresh water systems the County contracted with to provide advice on restoring and better maintaining Lake Gregory.

Committee members have been very proactive since I appointed them in October, and I look forward to their continued progress in helping the County develop workable solutions to preserve and enhance Lake Gregory.

2nd District Trivia

Last Issue's Answer: Mt. San Antonio got its nickname—Mt. Baldy—because of the lack of vegetation on the peak. Gold miners working in the area in the mid-1800s nicknamed the peak "Old Baldy," and the name stuck.

Question: Which U.S. President worked as an elevator operator in San Bernardino?

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The resort continued to grow over the years and today boasts 400 skiable acres, four chair lifts, and 26 different trails, including six rated as double black diamond. A new reservoir was added a few years ago to increase the resort's snowmaking capabilities so it could compete better with other resorts in Southern California where winter weather can be fickle.

During the off-season, Mt. Baldy Ski Lifts hosts hiking and biking events. Visitors can also take a lift to dine at the Top of the Notch Restaurant at 7,800 feet above sea level. On a clear day, you can see Catalina Island, Mt. Baldy Ski Lifts President Ron Ellington said.

"Summer business has increased about 20 percent because more and more people are coming up and hiking to enjoy the fresh air," Ron said.

You can learn more about this Second District business by visiting www.mtbaldyskilifts.com.

The Rutherford Report will feature a monthly article about a Second District business throughout 2012.

If you know a Second District business with an interesting story to tell, let me know by sending an email to SupervisorRutherford@sbcounty.gov.

Upcoming Events

January 5, 2012	The City of Fontana will host a Salsa night dance at 7 p.m. at the Center Stage Theatre located at 8463 Sierra Ave. Call (909) 349-6949 for more information.
January 10, 2012	The City of Fontana will host Healthy Fontana Nights, including nutrition and physical activity classes, at the Cypress Neighborhood Center located at 8380 Cypress Ave. Call (909) 350-6542 for more information.
January 10, 2012	The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors will meet at 10 a.m. at the County Government Center located at 385 N. Arrowhead Ave. in San Bernardino.
January 10, 2012	The Crest Forest Senior Citizens Club will host a lunch for seniors at noon at the Leisure Shores Community Center located at 24658 San Moritz Dr. in Crestline. This event is held every Tuesday at the same time and place.
January 10, 2012	The Crestline Library will host Mother Goose on the Loose—a reading event for children ages 3 and under—at 10:35 a.m. This event is held every Tuesday at the library located at 24105 Lake Gregory Dr.
January 11, 2012	The Archibald Library will host the Discovery Club for children ages 6 to 11 years old at 4 p.m. Children are invited to listen to stories, make crafts, and participate in other engaging activities. The library is located at 7368 Archibald Ave. in Rancho Cucamonga. This event occurs every Wednesday at the same place and time.
January 17, 2012	The Archibald Library will host a two-hour class designed to help you perfect your online job search. The class begins at 7 p.m. and registration starts one hour prior. Call (909) 477-2720 ext. 5007 for more information. The library is located at 7368 Archibald Ave. in Rancho Cucamonga.
January 19, 2012	The City of Fontana will host Family Movie Night at 6 p.m. at the Steelworks Auditorium located at 8437 Sierra Ave. Call (909) 349-6979 for more information. This event occurs most Thursday nights at the same place and time.
January 19, 2012	The Senior Book Club will meet at 10 a.m. at the James L. Brulte Senior Center. Call (909) 477-2720, x 5023 for more information.
January 23, 2012	The Crestline Library will host a free yoga class at noon. This event occurs every Monday and Wednesday at the same place and time. The library is located at 24105 Lake Gregory Dr.
January 24, 2012	The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisor will meet at 10 a.m. at the County Government Center located at 385 N. Arrowhead Ave. in San Bernardino.
January 26, 2012	The City of Upland will stop taking applications for "Upland's Biggest Loser"—a weight loss contest based on the popular Biggest Loser TV show. The cost is \$50 for teams of two. The competition begins on Feb. 6. Visit the Recreation Division Office at 651 W. 15th St. to sign up.
January 31, 2012	Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford and Fourth District Supervisor Gary Ovitt will host "Breakfast with your Supervisors" at 8 a.m. at the Carnegie Library located at 123 D St. in Upland. The cost is \$11. Call (909) 948-5037 to RSVP.

Dates and times are subject to change without notice. Please contact Supervisor Rutherford's office at (909) 387-4833 if you have any questions or suggestions for the Events Calendar. You can view information about more local events on Supervisor Rutherford's home page at www.sbcounty.gov/rutherford.